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REMARKS

Applicants request acknowledgement of receipt of the foreign priority document in the referenced patent application.

As discussed with Examiner Webb by telephone on March 20, 2007, the filing receipt of the referenced patent application erroneously lists two Japanese patent applications under "Foreign Applications:" JP 2002-203987 and JP 2003-174816. As set forth in the Application Data Sheet, priority is claimed to JP 2002-203987 but not to JP 2003-174816. A certified copy of JP 2002-203987 was duly submitted to the USPTO on July 11, 2003 and appears in the Image File Wrapper on the PAIR system. Accordingly, JP 2002-203987 is the only foreign application to which priority is claimed and is the only foreign application that should be listed on the filing receipt. A request for a corrected filing receipt was electronically submitted to the USPTO on March 20, 2007.

The Office Action mailed September 29, 2005 indicates that no priority document has been received (Box 12.c.1). The Office Action mailed June 2, 2006 does not acknowledge receipt of any priority documents. Finally, the Notice of Allowance does not acknowledge whether a) all, b) some, or c) none of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received. Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of receipt of all certified copies of the priority documents, all meaning (1) priority document, i.e., a certified copy of JP 2002-203987.

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